

GODRIDGE LESLIE V

Form 4

December 27, 2004

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GODRIDGE LESLIE V

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
BANK OF NEW YORK CO INC
[BK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE WALL STREET

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/23/2004

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
SEVP of The Bank of New York

NEW YORK, NY 10286

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock (Par Value \$7.50)				(A) or (D)	199,155.29	D	
Common Stock (Par Value \$7.50)				(A) or (D)	1,735	I <u>(1)</u>	by daughter
Common Stock (Par Value \$7.50)				(A) or (D)	1,735	I <u>(2)</u>	by Son

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Stock Units 12/22/2004 12/23/2004 A 1,156.05 A \$ 6.93 190,712.5 ⁽³⁾ D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
GODRIDGE LESLIE V ONE WALL STREET NEW YORK, NY 10286	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
	SEVP of The Bank of New York

Signatures

Leslie V
Godridge 12/23/2004

 Date
**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Owned as custodian for daughter under the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act.
- (2) Owned as custodian for son under the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act.
- (3) Represents number of stock units held in employer's stock fund in The Bank of New York Company, Inc. Employee Savings and Investment Plan, formerly the Profit Sharing Plan, as of December 23, 2004.

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